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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 16497.1.1.2.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
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	Michael T. Carley et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/787,073	) Art Unit
		) 3731
Filed:	24 February 2004	)
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Conf. No.:	9513	)
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For:	CLOSURE DEVICE	)
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Examiner:	Melanie Ruano Tyson	)
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 5, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.